

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 10 have been amended so that they are now independent claims so that there is now a total of four independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (1 x \$100) = \$100 to our Deposit Account No: 01-0310 for the extra claims fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

With regard to the patentability of the claims, the Examiner has kindly indicated the allowability of Claims 4, 6 to 15 and 17.

Claim 1 (previously rejected) has been amended to add the features of Claim 4 and should therefore be allowable. In addition the features of Claim 4 have been added as these are necessary for proper antecedent. Claims 3 and 4 have accordingly been cancelled.

Claim 5 (previously rejected) has been amended to add the features of Claims 1, 6 and 7 (allowable above) so that it is now an independent claim including features indicated by the Examiner as being allowable and should therefore be allowable. Claims 6 and 7 have accordingly been cancelled.

Claim 10 (indicated to be allowable) has been amended to be presented as an independent claim by adding the features of original Claim 1 and should therefore be allowable.

Claim 17 (indicated to be allowable) has been amended to be presented as an independent claim by adding the features of original Claim 16 and should therefore be allowable. Claim 16 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 5 and 10 have been amended to include the features of

the opening and the rails so as to comprise a combination as indicated by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 U.S.C.112.

Minor changes have been made in some dependent claims where necessary for consistency and new dependent Claims 21 and 22 have been added corresponding to Claims 1 and 10 respectively so that those allowable features also now depend from Claim 17 which is itself allowable.

With regard to the further rejection under 35 U.S.C.112 concerning the legs 28 and 29 of the channel 30 which engages over the rail, this objection is not understood. The shape of the channel including the legs 28 and 29 is not anywhere claimed. Further, the legs are merely a snap fit or clip over the rail as is well known in many flexible members of this type. The feature is merely trivial and the concept of snap fastening one flexible element over another, where the flexible element spreads slightly to engage over a wider portion, is well known to any person having any technical skill. If the Examiner has a substantive point which has been overlooked as it is not understood, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone so that a discussion of the point can be undertaken to resolve the issue.

It is pointed out to the Examiner that the list of Prior Art references is not correct as it does not contain the three patents particularly cited. The numbers were provided by the Examiner in a telephone conversation so that the relevance of the documents has been considered but is moot in view of the above comments. However it is requested that the Examiner provide the correct list of references for the record.

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Further and favourable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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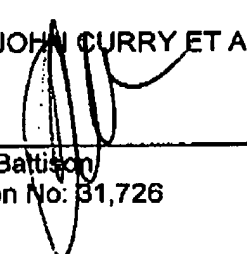
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Dear Sir:

In responding to the Notice of Action dated February 28, 2006, Claims 5 and 10 have been amended so that they are now independent claims so that there is now a total of four independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (1 x \$100) = \$100 to our Deposit Account No: 01-0310 for the extra claims fee.

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